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RECYCLING COMPANY SCOOPS 'GREEN' CHAMPION AWARD

Report by **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE company, Total Reuse, has been named Green Champion for recycled products at the prestigious international Green Apple Environment Best Practice Awards held on the terrace at the Houses of Parliament.

The awards, the longest-running environment awards programme in the world, offers four chances to win.

There are gold, silver and bronze awards in every category in each sector with the highest scorer in each being declared a Green Champion.

The Total Reuse campaign, 'If it's Reused It Doesn't Need Recycling' was one of more than 500 entries.

The company was introduced as an organisation that "Aimed to shake up the recycle ethos and facilitate re-use wherever possible. They create re-use pathways that connect the owner of surplus equipment with those who may need it. Their impact is staggering. In the last year they have re-homed 1.3 million kilos of goods, avoiding over 2 million kilograms of CO2."

Total Reuse is based at Gladden Place and its founder, Martin Gamester attended the presentation ceremony.

Martin Gamester is shown right receiving their award from Roger Wolens of the Green Organisation

He said: "When we found out we had won an award we assumed it would be the bronze. When they announced the bronze and it wasn't us I thought, wow silver. Then they announced silver and that wasn't us either but I thought, it can't be gold.

"And when they announced the gold winner and that wasn't us I started checking the category thinking it was the wrong one.

"Then they announced 'Products and Recycled Products Green Champions are Total Reuse CIC!

"I had stood and watched universities, councils, shopping centres and multi-million pound household names pick up their awards but Roger Wolens, chairman of the Green Organisation, which runs the awards, was right, small companies can beat the big names when there's a level playing field."

The company won the award for the "innovative ways" that they look to divert reusable items from the waste stream and make them available to no or low-income individuals, charities, community groups and good causes.

As well as delivering the bulky waste contracts for both West Lancashire and South Ribble borough councils they also offer, among other things, a Green Team alternative to skip hire and an ethical domestic and commercial clearance service with regular customers that include: three local universities, John Lewis, IKEA and several local furniture stores.

West Lancs Armed Forces Champion, Councillor Terry Devine and Deputy Mayoress, Ann Stubbert lay a wreath at the Skelmersdale war memorial. *More pictures inside*

Skelmersdale remembers...

THE town again paid tribute to those who have suffered or lost their lives serving their country at the annual Remembrance Sunday parade in Skelmersdale on November 12.

Veterans from the services, current military personnel and civic dignitaries were joined by members of the public for the commemorations.

Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney, accompanied by the director of housing and inclusion, Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, joined the parade which marched from Liverpool Road, to the war memorial on Sandy Lane for a service and wreath-laying ceremony at 11am, which included a minute's silence, Last Post and Reveille.

Alan Lewis, chairman of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association said: "We would like to thank all the cadets, Skelmersdale Brass Band, the Scouts and Guides plus the emergency services for their support."

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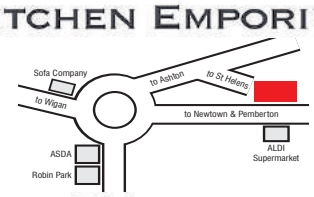

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Public to be consulted on increased charges for non-residential care

A REVIEW of charging for non-residential care services, which could see people paying between £10 and £20 a week more, has been approved by Lancashire County Council's cabinet.

The proposed changes will now be the subject of an eight-week consultation, to be announced shortly, giving people the opportunity to share their views.

Non-residential services run by the county council include home care, outreach services, day care, direct payment and personal budget services, supported living and the Shared Lives Scheme.

Once completed, the results of the consultation will be considered before the new way of charging is introduced in April 2018.

Meanwhile, the authority has defended the move pointing out that the charges were last reviewed in 2011.

Non-residential care services support people with disabilities and elderly people to live as independently as possible in their community.

The proposed charging policy calculates how much people may need to pay towards their non-residential care based on a comprehensive financial assessment.

In line with legislation and with the current policy, people will only be charged for non-residential care according to their assessed ability to pay.

County Councillor Gooch

Currently more than 51% of people receiving non-residential adult care services are either assessed as not having to pay, are funded by the NHS or are exempt under the Mental Health Act.

Costs

County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "The rates we currently charge people are based on 2011 figures and since that time costs have risen by over 14%. Given the county council's current financial position this situation can't continue.

"Under these proposals, as with our current policy, people would only be charged according to their ability to pay for their non-residential care. Inevitably some people would have to pay more, but most people would not see a significant increase in care costs.

"Of the 5,694 people paying for non-residential care services, 92% would see an increase in care charges of less than £20 per week. For more than 4,000 people, this increase would be less than £10 a week.

"It's crucial that the system is fair and as part of the ongoing financial assessment process, we already include a free check to ensure people are claiming all the benefits they are entitled to. This will continue under the revised scheme.

"The proposed charging policy is consistent with those introduced by other councils across the country and is in line with the guidelines set out by central government in The Care Act 2014."

The council say revising the charging policy for all non-residential care services will help to ensure it can cover the costs of providing them in the future by generating an extra £2.9m per year.

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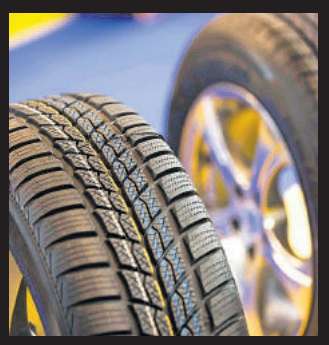

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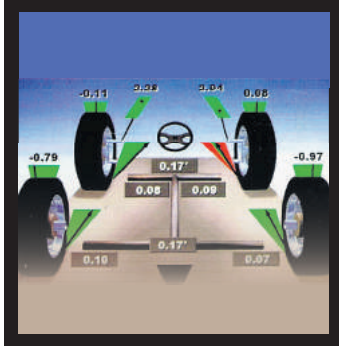

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New appeal to hand in guns and ammunition

Skelmersdale station is one of seven in county to be used as drop-off points for weapons as part of nationwide amnesty

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS in Lancashire are being encouraged to hand in guns and ammunition as part of a nationwide firearms surrender which started on Monday (November 13) and runs for two weeks.

During that period weapons can be handed in at six police stations in the county, including Skelmersdale.

As a result of the last gun surrender in April 2016, a total of 139 firearms were handed in, including shotguns, rifles and high-powered air weapons, along with ammunition.

Officers, who are hoping for a similar success this year, say some people may hold firearms in innocence or ignorance of their illegality; or they may have older items in their homes which have been overlooked or forgotten.

However, these can still be lethal if they get into the wrong hands and members of the public are urged to take this opportunity to dispose of any firearms or ammunition they may have, regardless of how old they might be.

Surrendering unwanted, unlicensed weapons avoids the risk of them becoming involved in criminality and means that members of the community can dispose of firearms in a safe place.

Anyone handing over firearms will not face prosecution for the illegal possession upon surrender and can remain anonymous.

Superintendent Julian Platt from Lancashire Constabulary, said: "Our aim is to keep Lancashire safe which we will do by working with partners and our local communities to prevent and detect crime.

Lancashire police are running a two-week guns and ammunition amnesty as part of a national campaign

"This nationwide amnesty is a very good example of how members of the public can directly help us to prevent harm to our local communities by removing the risk of weapons getting into the wrong hands.

Committed

"We want as many weapons as possible and would encourage people to use this opportunity to hand them in. We'd also encourage anyone who knows about weapons being kept illegally to tell us anonymously where there are and potentially help save a life.

"One weapon off the streets is one less that can be used to harm or threaten our communities. We will use all of the powers and information available to us to locate this criminality and put a stop to it for good."

And Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, added: "I fully support Lancashire Constabulary in their campaign to remove dangerous firearms from our streets.

"There are a number of reasons that people may find themselves with a firearm they should not have, whether through inheritance or legally-owned guns they have no more use for. This is an opportunity to dispose of them safely.

"I am committed to tackling violent crime and ensuring residents feel safe and secure in their communities.

"Handing in these potentially fatal weapons is an important step and I would urge residents to make the right decision and hand over any illegal firearms they are in possession of."

Weapons and ammunition can be surrendered at any of the designated local police stations but people are advised to check opening times first by visiting the Lancashire Constabulary website https://lancashire.police.uk/giveupthegun.

Anyone who is physically unable to get to a station can call 101 for advice.

If you know of people involved in illegal firearms you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111; report it online at Lancashire.police.uk/report it; or call 101.

Chairman in plea for community to rally round football club

Report by **Henry James**

Skelmersdale United chairman Paul Griffiths

THE chairman of Skelmersdale United Football Club is appealing for people and businesses in the town to back the club as they face the prospect of looking for a new stadium after being thrown off their current home ground by the owners.

The club were locked out of their current stadium in Selby Place last month by the owners, Chequer Properties, following a dispute over the ground lease.

Locks at the stadium were changed and security guards prevented club officials entering the premises.

The club will now use Prescot Cables FC's ground to play their 'home' matches, while they investigate the prospect of building a new stadium in Skelmersdale.

Skelmersdale FC chairman, Paul Griffiths, says the recent actions of the stadium's owners have placed an "additional financial burden" on the cash-strapped club

He said: "We need to find funds for the additional expense of renting a round, and face losing attendance receipts.

"We would be very grateful if anybody within the community could offer us any support to assist us through this difficult time. Whether it's going to matches or buying a club lottery ticket, your support will be appreciated and is much needed.

"The club has provided a platform for the past 135 years for many ambitious young footballers and some of them have gone on to have great careers."

Mr Griffiths added that the club has had difficulty getting to "essential" playing kit and emergency medical equipment at their former ground.

And he claimed that the sudden lock-out had affected the general community as well in other ways by the closure of the social club.

He said: "The actions of the owners on the day of our eviction caused mayhem and great distress, not only for us but for the community at large.

"The club had a surprise party booking for that evening for a very prominent local fundraiser and a wedding reception the following day, all of which had to be hastily cancelled and other venue arrangements made.

"Bookings for the rest of the month have had to be cancelled, the knock -on effect has been great indeed, not least the fact that at least ten people have lost employment, and our trade with other businesses in the locality will be severely restricted or will cease."

A spokesman for Chequer Properties said: "On the day possession was taken and in the subsequent days thereafter access was allowed and it seems history is being manipulated without regard to the very serious issues set out in the section 146 Notice.

"New locks and security systems have been put in place. As a break-in created a crime scene the opportunity to allow access was suspended whilst the police forensic team attended.

"Security has proved to be more problematic due to the presence of unauthorised occupiers who have compromised security measures taken."

Anyone who would like to help Skelmersdale United is asked to contact Paul Griffiths on 07513 123164.

Optician advises regular eye checks to help spot early symptoms of diabetes

AN opticians in Skelmersdale is urging members of the public suffering from diabetes, or those who may be at risk of the disease, to ensure they undergo regular eye exams in an effort to spot early stages of eye conditions caused by the disease.

Specsavers in Skelmersdale issued the health warning to coincide with World Diabetes Day (November 14) a day dedicated to increasing awareness about the condition.

According to charity Diabetes UK, there are over four million people in the UK living with diabetes which could mean they are at risk of suffering from diabetic retinopathy, a disease which causes damage to the retina and which could eventually lead to blindness if left untreated.

Sully Patel director at Specsavers Skelmersdale store is urging members of the public who suffer from diabetes to upkeep regular eye exams and come into store and have their eye health checked.

He warned: "There are often no warning signs in the early stages of diabetic retinopathy but if left untreated the results could be life changing, which is why it's so important for sufferers to have their eyes tested on an annual basis.

"A comprehensive eye exam is the only way to spot the condition in its early stages and could allow us the chance to take preventative measures."

Symptoms of the disease include blurred vision, floaters or shadows and missing areas of vision.

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Support network offers free parenting classes

SKELMERSDALE organisation the Parent and Carer Support Network (PCSN) are now offering free Confident Carer Parenting courses across West Lancashire, thanks to the Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) and the Big Lottery Fund.

Steve Bower from PCSN said: "The funding will help us to support local families to improve their skills and confidence as parent or carer when they attend our parenting academy.

"This support does have the potential to improve outcomes for children such as improving the parent/carer child relationship, behaviour and much more."

PCSN also want to thank Catherine Coslett at the CVS in Skelmersdale whose knowledge was "invaluable" during the bid-writing process, and Mr Roscoe headteacher at St Thomas the Martyr Primary School in Up Holland for supporting the project.

A total of four additional courses will run over the next 12 months across West Lancashire. Each course consists of five, two-hour sessions and will be available in the evening and weekends. The next course will take place in January 2018.

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Birdwatchers set to flock to Martin Mere for annual festival

Report by **Henry James**

TWITCHERS, phototgraphers and lovers of the great outdoors are expected to flock to the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust at Martin Mere at the weekend when the Burscough reserve hosts the North West Bird Watching Festival.

Among the guest speakers lined up for the annual extravaganza on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, are TV presenter Nick Baker, wildlife cameraman Doug Allan, ornithologist and artist Matt Sewell and conservationist Sacha Dench of Flight of the Swans fame.

Visitors to the event can attend a range of wildlife talks and seminars, see hundreds of Whooper swans feed alongside shelduck, teal, wigeon and thousands of pink-footed geese and pick up tips from photography seminars and workshops.

There will also be demonstrations, a chance to network with experts to learn more about our feathered friends and an opportunity to browse through wildlife and bird watching 'goodies' including clothing, books, carvings, and wildlife holidays.

Some of the highlights the festival include:

- Access to the reserve from 8am, offering the chance to watch and photograph tens of thousands of pink-footed geese and Whooper swans as they awake and leave their roost.
- Seeing the award-winning spectacle with hundreds of Whooper swans feeding right in front of them on the mere, as well as thousands of shelduck, wigeon and teal, at 3pm from the new 50m Discovery hide which also includes a warden's talk.
- Access to free ringing demonstration workshops allowing people to get up close to some wonderful species.
- Walks with reserve manager Tom Clare and Nick Baker to find the top ten species at Martin Mere at this time of year.
- Testing your group's birdwatching skills by seeing who can spot the most species at Martin Mere between 9.30am and 3.30pm on the Saturday with prizes to be won.
- A chance to attend 4K and digi-scoping seminars with award-winning photographer, Pro Lumix Ambassador and one of the best known digi-scopers in the birding world, Paul Hackett.

TV presenter Nick Baker will be one of the special guests at the North West Bird Watching Festival at WWT Martin Mere at the weekend

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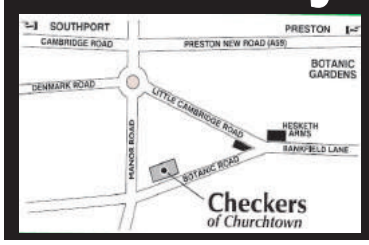

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The town pays its tributes to the fallen

Armed Forces veterans, members of local organisations and residents of all ages gathered at the town's war memorial for this year's Remembrance Sunday service.

ABOVE: Veterans Brian Taubman, Bob Dolan and Frank Ledden lay wreaths at Skelmersdale's war memorial on Remembrance Sunday

LEFT: Standard bearers at the war memorial for the Remembrance service.

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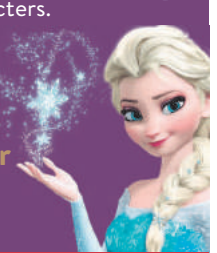

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Parbold Library set to reopen

PARBOLD Library is set to be reopened at 9am on Tuesday, November 21.

The library, on The Common, was one of 26 in the county closed by Lancashire County Council in 2016 under its previous administration.

Since being elected in May the new council has pledged to reopen as many of them as possible.

Parbold Conservative representative on West Lancs Council, Councillor May Blake, will perform the official reopening, along with Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, County Councillor Peter Buckley.

The opening hours will be Tuesday 9am to 5pm; Wednesday 9am to 1pm; Thursday 9am to 7pm; Friday 9am to 5pm; and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

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Sisters hit the gold trail on reading challenge

BOOK-loving siblings Kara and Isobel Farley are the latest youngsters to successfully complete the Lancashire Reading Challenge at Skelmersdale Library.

Nine-year-old Kara and seven-year-old Isobel, both pupils at Cobbs Brow Primary School in Ashurst, read and reviewed 50 books, rating the titles and sharing their recommendations with other Lancashire Reading Trail readers.

To mark their achievement they were presented with a gold certificate by library staff and a book of their choice.

The Lancashire Reading Trail is a county-wide initiative by Lancashire County Council's library service that aims to encourage children up to the age of 12 to read more.

For further details about the reading trail and how to get involved, go to www.lancashire.gov.uk or pop in to your local library.

Kara and Isobel with their certificates and books

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Countdown to Concourse Christmas lights switch-on

Report by **Henry James**

Former X-Factor and I'm A Celebrity contestant to headline shopping centre launch extravaganza

THE Concourse Shopping Centre will be kicking off the festive season with a bang with the launch of its annual Christmas Light Switch on Friday (November 17).

This year's event kicks off at 4pm and a host of family entertainment has been organised for throughout the three-hour event.

Luke & Lucy from Wish FM will be the hosts for the evening and will be showcasing local and regional talent.

Meanwhile, headlining the event is Jake Quickenden, who shot to fame in X Factor and I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here, and who will soon be appearing in the new series of Dancing on Ice.

And before Jake performs a few of his songs - as well as dropping in a few Christmas hits - he will be joined on the indoor stage by Santa and the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councilor Neil Furey and together they will switch on the lights at 6.30pm.

The Concourse also have on their Facebook page a competition to win a VIP experience on the night, including a meet-and-greet with Jake, free entry into the grotto (along with a free photograph),

Jake Quickenden

plus £50 worth of Concourse shopping vouchers.

To complete the evening's entertainment, there will be a funfair, face painting, crafts, performers, giveaways, and, of course the opportunity to do some late-night Christmas shopping.

Youngsters will also be able to visit Santa's reindeer who will be situated under the canopy at the rear of the centre by the Western Entrance.; while Santa will be in his magical grotto from 4pm.

The grotto will be located on the upper mall in the old Co-op Travel unit (opposite Thomas Cook).

And as well as November 17, it will be open Saturday, November 18 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, November 19 from 11am to 4pm. It will then be open every Friday and Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sundays from 11am to 4pm, until Friday, December 15 when it will open daily.

Car parking restrictions will be lifted on the day of the switch-on.

Anne Peters, interim retail marketing manager at the Concourse, said: "We're really excited to have Jake Quickenden onboard as our headline act who'll be turning on the lights, assisted by Santa and the mayor.

"Our Grotto also opens that night so it's a perfect time for children to put stuff on their wish list and visit Santa. It's not to be missed!"

Cabinet approves further public consultation for Tawd Valley plan

WEST Lancashire Borough Council's cabinet have agreed that the Tawd Valley Park Masterplan should be circulated to the public for a further short-term consultation.

A total of £25,000 has been put aside by the council for this project for the park.

At last Tuesday's meeting of the cabinet, leader of the council, Councillor Ian Moran introduced the report of the director of leisure and wellbeing, David Tilleray which presented the draft Valley Park Masterplan.

Cabinet looked at the report and decided that the Tawd Valley Park Masterplan be approved "subject to resource availability" and the project proceed to the next phase of design and costing of the proposals.

The cabinet also agreed that the masterplan be circulated for a further short-term public consultation.

The director of leisure and wellbeing, in consultation with the cabinet member for leisure, Councillor Yvonne Gagen, have been authorised to approve any more amendments.

Search for county's top businesses launched

THE countdown is on to the 2018 Red Rose Awards with entries being invited for the search to highlight the success of businesses in the county across 26 categories.

Winners will be revealed at a glittering celebration at Blackpool's Winter Gardens in March.

At the launch of the awards, organised by Lancashire Business View magazine, it was revealed that some of the biggest business names in the county are once again giving support and backing to the event.

Opportunity

The 2018 Awards will once again feature joint headline sponsorship, with Forbes Solicitors reaffirming its support since the awards were launched in 2011, and Barclays joining for a fifth consecutive year.

The theme of the awards is 'big bang' and at the launch event, Richard Slater, publisher of Lancashire Business View, said: We're going to make a big bang and tell the world about Lancashire.

"We are giving businesses the opportunity to shout about the great things they do and with at least one category applicable to every business in the county we hope they'll grasp this opportunity to promote their success by entering.

"We know the business community love participating in the awards - if you experience the Red Rose Awards either by entering, judging, sponsoring or attending on the night, we ask that you encourage your clients, suppliers and associates to get involved and enter too!

"We are also proud to once more have our fantastic headline sponsors, Forbes Solicitors and Barclays, on board again for 2018 and also look forward to working with UCLan, our judging partner for the third year."

To take part in the Red Rose Awards, visit www.redroseawards.co.uk. The closing date for entries is Friday, January 12.

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Schools celebrate football triumphs

SPORTY youngsters from two local primary schools are celebrating football triumphs.

Year 3 and 4 pupils from Brookfield Park Primary in Skelmersdale proved too strong for their rivals from neighbouring schools in a tournament at the JMO Sports Park.

The School Lane side won through to the semi-finals after group games against Crow Orchard (drew 0-0), Delph Side (won 3-0) and Cobb Brow (won 2-0).

Another goalless stalemate in the last four against Holland Moor saw Brookfield eventually win through to the final after a penalty shoot-out.

Then in the final they again triumphed after penalties, defeating a good St Richard's side.

Meanwhile, the girls football team from St Thomas The Martyr CE Primary School in Up Holland celebrated their first-ever trophy by coming out top at the West Lancashire Skelmersdale stage of the girls Liverpool Cup, beating Woodland Community Primary School, Birch Green, in a penalty shoot-out.

The pupils from Brookfield park with their cup

The St Thomas the Martyr Primary girls and their first trophy.

Pals have sights set on marathon fundraising bid

TWO friends from Skelmersdale who only took up running in March this year are set to tackle the country's most famous long-distance event in aid of charity.

Report by **Henry James**

Now the pals, 27-year-old Nicola Spafford and 31-year-old Lucy-Ann Canavan, are stepping up their training to ensure they are ready to tackle next year's London Marathon to be held on Sunday, April 22.

As well as putting their stamina to the test, the pair are aiming to raise money for VICTA, a charity which supports children and young people who are blind or partially sighted and their families across the UK.

As an added incentive, Nicola is also running in memory of her late dad, John Jones who was visually impaired.

Since catching the running bug, Nicola and Lucy have stepped up from 5k events, to 10k, 10 miles and a half-marathon.

Now they are taking another step up to the full marathon distance.

Before the big day though, as well as intensive training stints, they are also holding a fundraising event to kick-start their efforts at the Polaris Pub, in Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale on Friday, December 8.

Nicola said: "Since we started running it has been our dream to run together in the London Marathon and now we have the amazing opportunity to do it in 2018.

"We are also raising money for VICTA, a charity which supports children and young people who are blind or partially sighted and their families across the UK.

"We are also running in loving memory of my dad who was visually impaired. Throughout his life he worked for and raised money for charities for people who are blind or partially sighted and we want to continue his efforts in raising money for charity.

"I realised how hard it was to lose your sight as an adult through my dad and I am so proud to be able to make a difference to children.

"Our eyes are so important, each detail, each friend, each family member we see, we can easily take for granted. We can only imagine how hard it must be to lose your sight."

At the fundraising event on December 8, Starbucks will be attending and providing cakes. There will also be bingo games with prizes, a quiz, a live raffle, a DJ and a bar.

Nicola added: "Local businesses in Skelmersdale and surrounding areas have kindly donated to the raffle - including The Jungle, Starbucks, Windmill Farm and The Raj Gate and many more.

"Thanks to their generosity we already have prizes worth in excess of £400 - but more support is always welcome."

For more information contact Nicola by email at nicolaspafford@gmail.com, or Lucy at lucyann.duff@hotmail.co.uk.

Pimbo Industrial Estate site sold for £5m

A 76,000 sq ft industrial site on the Pimbo Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale has been sold for more than £5million.

B8 Real Estate, acting on behalf of Luqhar Limited, a Lancashire-based property company, has completed the purchase of the unit for £5,025,000, reflecting a yield of 6.1%.

The property was marketed by Roy Backhouse & Co on behalf of the former owners of the tenant, Flowtech Fluidpower Plc, who has recently taken a new lease expiring in November 2031.

John Burrows of B8RE commented: "The property represented an excellent opportunity to acquire a modern investment, offering long-term income to a strong covenant.

"The tenant has recently committed themselves to the property for a further 15 years and are currently in the process of undertaking further enhancement works.

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Gallery closed for four days to speed up improvement work

ORMSKIRK'S popular Chapel Gallery will be closed for four days this week to enable ongoing improvement works to proceed more quickly.

The latest phase of the gallery's re-development will create a second exhibition space on the first floor of the building. This will double the amount of events, programmes and performances the gallery can host and allow it to take larger, higher profile touring shows, as well as more innovative art shows, including those featuring digital media.

It is hoped it will also help raise the gallery's profile and make it an even more important centre for the arts in the North West and attract more visitors to the town.

There will also be more exhibition opportunities for local artists to help them develop their careers.

The West Lancs Council-run facility will also have an exhibition space that individuals or groups can hire and on the ground floor the café will be moved to the front of the building, providing a bigger multi-functional space for parties or events.

This latest scheme began in September but to allow the works to proceed more quickly the gallery closed on Tuesday (November 14) until Friday (November 17) before reopening on Saturday (November 18) to host the launch of the town's Festival of Tales event.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "The council is sorry to have to close the Chapel Gallery for a few days but these works will lead to an exciting new era for this wonderful facility for the town. And don't forget, the gallery will re-open in time for the launch of the fabulous Festival of Tales."

The latest improvements for the gallery received £68,000 from Arts Council grants and build on work carried out last year. Previous improvements included the installation of a lift and a contemporary glass window on the new main entrance, created by young people from Tarleton Academy and the artist Jo Vincent.

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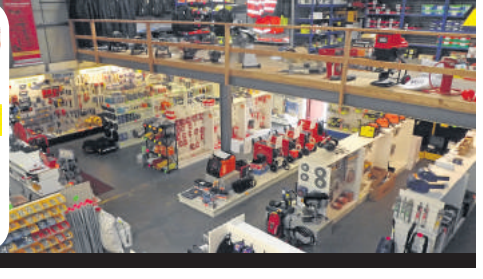

MP hails borough's response to stem cell donor appeal

Nearly 1,000 from West Lancs register with Anthony Nolan charity - but more are needed

WEST Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper has joined with the Anthony Nolan charity to thank the 981 people in the borough who have registered as stem cell donors.

That figure places the constituency in the top half of the UK (275 out of 650) in terms of the number of potential lifesavers registered in the area.

A total of 39 per cent of the community's registered donors are male, and the average age is 36.

Young men aged 16 to 30 are the most likely to be asked to donate to give someone with blood cancer or a blood disorder a second chance at life.

The figures come from the charity's Communities versus Blood Cancer campaign, which celebrates the people who have already registered as donors and raises awareness of the shortage of donors that still exists.

Young men and people from black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds are under-represented on the register, making it difficult to find a match for everyone in need.

Rosie Cooper

In total, 645,000 people in the UK are on the Anthony Nolan register, any of whom could be a match for someone with blood cancer and asked to donate their stem cells to give a patient a second chance of life.

Now, Ms Cooper is encouraging more people from West Lancashire, particularly men aged 16 to 30 and people from black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds, to register as stem cell donors and make sure that a match is available for everyone in need of a transplant.

She said: "I am very proud that West Lancashire has 981 people who have selflessly volunteered to give someone a second chance at life. Donating stem cells is straightforward but it could make an enormous difference to someone with no other chance of a cure.

"I strongly hope that more people from the borough will be inspired to sign up and show that together, our communities can provide a cure for blood cancer."

Henny Braund, chief executive of Anthony Nolan, said: "We're grateful to all the registered donors in West Lancashire for helping us in our goal of saving and improving the lives of people with blood cancer and blood disorders.

"Anthony Nolan's pioneering research, dedicated nurses and patient-focused services mean we have increased the support patients receive at every stage of their transplant journey – but without the contribution of selfless donors, our vital work would be impossible."

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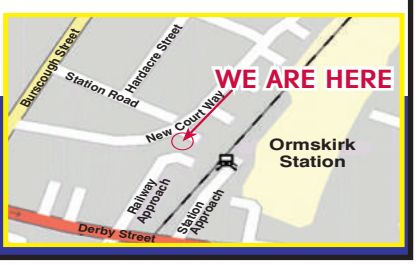

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Top 10 recycling 'mistakes' revealed

WEST Lancs residents are being urged not to put the wrong items in their recycling bins – as it can mean the whole load is sent to landfill because it has been contaminated.

National waste removal firm Junk Hunters has identified the 10 most common recycling 'mistakes' in a bid to reduce unnecessary waste as thousands of tons of recyclable materials are going to landfill unnecessarily. These are: pizza boxes, crisp packets, glittery or metallic wrapping paper, tissue and kitchen roll, wallpaper/paintings, wet wipes, polystyrene, light bulbs, batteries and broken glass.

Harsha Rathnayake from Junk Hunters said: "It's absolutely devastating to think of all these loads of rubbish that could have been recycled but have to be wasted in landfill because they've been unknowingly contaminated. Paper especially is a hotbed for mistakes, as it is usually very recyclable but there are some exceptions such as pizza boxes, shiny or glittery gift wrapping and wallpaper."

Businessman hid in bushes to evade police

A BUSINESS owner who tried to evade police by hiding in bushes has appeared in court for dangerous driving while over the drink drive limit.

Anthony Tyrer, 57, of Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court on November 8, where he pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, driving with 47 micrograms of alcohol in 100ml of breath (the legal limit being 35mcg/100ml), failing to stop when required to by a police officer, and driving without a valid MOT.

Andrew Page, prosecuting, said that Tyrer came to the attention of police when he appeared to be speeding on the Formby Bypass.

Mr Page said that checks showed that the MOT had expired on Tyrer's car and after turning into Formby village, the mobile police patrol pulled over on Liverpool Road and waited for him to pass. When he did he speeded up.

"He made off and failed to stop," Mr Page said. "The officer says he was driving in excess of 60mph in what was clearly a 20mph zone.

"Visibility was poor due to rain and it being dark and the police regarded his driving as dangerous."

The court heard that the officer lost sight of Tyrer's car but was "pointed in the right direction" by members of the public. The officer then found the BMW parked up in Badger's Rake, Formby, and after calling for assistance began a search of the gardens in the area.

Tyrer was subsequently seen lying against some bushes and when he came out he said: "It was me driving", said Mr Page.

After failing a roadside breath test, he was taken to a police station and further breath tested.

When interviewed the following morning, he told police he'd had four pints of bitter in Crosby and had panicked when he saw the police car on the way home.

Defending solicitor Rebecca Templeman emphasised that the length of the driving incident was relatively short and that it was "a fairly quiet part of Merseyside."

Handing magistrates a number of references which also gave details of difficulties Tyrer had been going through while caring for his wife, she asked them to impose a suspended sentence.

She added that Tyrer was mortified to find out that his MOT had expired and that it was an oversight.

Magistrates sentenced him to 18 weeks in prison, suspended for 12 months, banned him from driving for 24 months, fined him £600 and ordered that he pay costs and victim surcharge of £200.

He was also told he will have to take an extended driving test before he can recover his driving licence.

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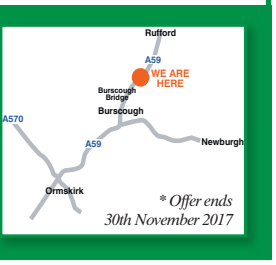

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County constabulary given 'good' rating in efficiency report

Report by **Henry James**

THE county's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has welcomed Lancashire Constabulary's 'good' grading in a national policing inspector's report which also recognises the force as one of the more efficient in the country.

The PEEL efficiency report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services shows that the force is facing increasing and more complex demands recording more 999 calls per 1,000 head of the population than previous years, and handling more crime reports.

Mr Grunshaw said: "This continues our strong track record over a number of years as being one of the most efficient in the country."

The report, which grades all forces across England and Wales, also shows that Lancashire Constabulary is having to tackle problems like people going through mental health crises and improve its understanding of emerging issues such as modern slavery and human trafficking.

Mr Grunshaw added: "With the changing nature of crime we continue to invest in ways to meet these challenges and I am delighted that the inspectors have recognised the work of the police in Lancashire to deal with increasingly complex issues.

Clive Grunshaw

"The public can have confidence that, whatever resources the police do receive, these are spent well and represent good value for residents. Despite promises to protect our budgets in 2015, we are now £3.5 million a year worse off. The simple truth is that the government continues to reduce the amount it gives to policing in Lancashire even as calls to 101 and 999 show the demand from the public is rising."

Commenting on the report, Chief Constable, Andy Rhodes, said: "What this report shows is that we are an efficient force, with a good understanding of our demands; strong partnerships with local authorities and other agencies; and a very real determination to deliver the most efficient service we can with the resources we have.

"However, with policing getting ever more complex and calls taking a third longer to deal with, our plans for the future will require investment and in common with other forces, finances remain a very firm challenge."

HM Inspector of Constabulary, Mike Cunningham, said: "Lancashire continues to be assessed as 'good' in the ways it matches demand on its service with the skills of its people and in its financial planning.

"In the last year, Lancashire Constabulary has improved its understanding of more complex demand for its services, building upon its existing management of demand by working with partner organisations and identifying inefficiencies and duplication of effort. The force is good at matching its resources to its priorities, resulting in co-ordinated support to communities and individuals most in need.

"The force has prudent financial plans in place to meet future funding challenges and a well-considered programme of investment to ensure it can adapt in providing services."

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Cannabis 'experiment' lands driver 12-month ban

A LAWYER representing a young man in court for drug driving said he had just been "experimenting" and had thought the substance would be out of his system.

Jack Owen, 18, of Delph Common Road, Aughton pleaded guilty at Sefton Magistrates Court to driving with 2.3 micrograms of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol - the active ingredient of cannabis - per litre of blood (the legal limit being 2mcg/l).

Andrew Page, prosecuting, said that police pulled Owen over while he was driving his Ford Fiesta in Bootle on August 13 after spotting a faulty brake light. However, officers detected the smell of cannabis and found a cannabis grinder in the driver's side door pocket.

Further tests showed Owen's MOT had expired six days previously, Mr Page said, and after a roadside drug saliva test showed the presence of cocaine he was taken to a police station for blood tests.

Barrister Neil Addison, representing Owen, who had no previous convictions, said: "He is not an habitual user but like a lot of young people he was experimenting with cannabis. He had smoked it quite a bit before and he thought it would have been cleared out of his system."

Regarding the MOT, Mr Addision said that Owen thought his mother had taken care of it.

He added that Owen had not smoked cannabis since the incident and didn't intend to in the future.

The magistrates said: "You have learnt your lesson the hard way that cannabis stays in your system for a lot longer than people think."

For drug driving the magistrates fined him £135, ordered that he pay costs and victim surcharge of £115, and banned him from driving for 12 months. They imposed no separate penalty for driving without a valid MOT.

Church's festive fundraiser

HOLY Trinity Church Bickerstaffe will hold a Christmas Fair on Saturday November 25 at the Four Lane Ends Mission Hall, Skelmersdale Road.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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These out of control youths are a danger both to the community and themselves

I REFER to the letter (November 1) headed 'Plagued by gang of young vandals.'

These youths are the same gang that are terrorising residents of Aughton and the area around Granville Park. They are seen gathered on corners, around the shops at Town Green, Moss Delph and at the quarry.

Last week there was a dangerous incident in Granville Park, involving aggressive use of fireworks. This could easily have resulted in serious injuries. That it did not was just pure luck.

The police were called, but it was too late - the perpetrators had fled on their bikes.

The youngsters are between 12 and 15, they are belligerent when approached and their language and attitude is appalling.

As a group they are intimidating and unpleasant to approach. (We don't see community police walking around these days; this behaviour would perhaps have been nipped in the bud a long time ago if there were.)

The responsibility of course lies with the parents not with the police.

The group are out and about after school and late into evening. They frequently ride down the middle of the road practising their wheelies with no concern for motorists.

During the school holidays two of the group were seen hurtling down Prescot Road, between two cars, and against a stream of cars going up the hill, barely in control, one of the group balanced precariously on the handlebars. Great hilarity!

One night 8.45pm the same two boys were racing down Long Lane, again the same boy balanced on the handlebars, both in dark clothing, and no lights. I only picked them out at the last minute in my headlights.

Why are these boys not at home with their families, instead of roaming the streets? There will be an accident, perhaps with tragic consequences. Where are the parents? If your sons are out on their bikes do you know what they are doing and where they are? Act before there's a tragedy.

These boys are young, what are they going to be like in two or three years' time, if not corrected? I dread to think.

I have lived in the area for many years, and have never experienced anything close to the anti-social behaviour of this group.

Something needs to be done, for the community's sake and certainly for the sake of the boys themselves.

Concerned, name & address supplied

20mph signs are a waste of time - and money - when nobody takes any notice!

NOBODY but nobody using Cottage Lane in Ormskirk, otherwise known as 'the Rat Run', observes the 20mph speed limit, unless of course they are driving behind a resident who is observing the 20mph - much to their irritation!

It would seem to have been a total waste of council tax money installing 20mph signage. Over the last three years we have been consistently told by the police that it was a case of 'educating' motorists to drive more safely - what a joke!

On top of that we have 40-ton trucks up and down the lane all day long from 7am until 10pm, sometimes there can be three of these trucks on the road at the same time often coming in opposite directions to each other forcing a backlog of drivers who will have had to mount the kerb.

Can anybody educate me please on the legality of tractors also on the road continually towing huge containers of potatoes and others with very long trailers behind them - also over 20mph - they are obviously coming to and fro from other farms outside the Ormskirk area to farms on Cottage Lane.

I understand tractors use something called red diesel, also according to police information, are only supposed to travel a certain distance using this reduced tax fuel.

Concerned resident,
Cottage Lane

PICTURE of the week

Autumn sunshine highlights one of the many parades held in the area to mark Remembrance Sunday. Picture by Martyn Snape.

■ IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details.

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Please note, the editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

It's time to be honest and realistic about possible negative impact of Brexit

BREXIT has been one of the most divisive and potentially destructive events in recent years.

I have heard and read a multitude of reasons as to why Britain will flourish outside the EU. None of them, I am afraid, particularly illuminating or convincing.

I am a professional scientist and I always attempt to reach conclusions from consistent premises and logical statements. Any 'we'll be alright Jack' assumption is based on too many unknown parameters.

Cutting a long story short, Brexit is an incredibly complex process. Not even the most experienced economists (let alone the horde of pensioners who seem to know more than the average Nobel prize laureate) understand the future implications of Brexit.

There is a strong possibility that the outcome might be very unfavourable with seriously negative impact to our economy and society.

Let's be honest, and realistic. It's time we stopped with the lies and amateurish pseudo-scientific assertions.

M. T., by email, details supplied

It's good to know there are caring people around

I WOULD like, through the Champion's Letters page, to thank the persons who helped my daughter when she suffered a seizure near McDonalds in Ormskirk on Friday, Ocober 20 and took care of my grandson until the ambulance arrived.

Also I would like to thank the ambulance ladies who brought both of them to our house.

It is lovely to know that there are good, caring people around when accidents happen.

Many thanks to you all.

Mrs J. Ingman, Aughton

Common sense and respect should be the watchwords for all road-users

I FIND it strange how people feel the need to 'have a go' at each other, whether it be a pedestrian, a cyclist or a motorist.

Surely it depends on the person themselves? People will break the rules no matter what the mode of transport but they shouldn't all be tarred with the same brush.

Just because one motorist fails to follow the rules of the road doesn't mean they all do.

Just because one cyclist flouts the law doesn't mean they all do.

Cyclists will be more aware of their surroundings simply because they have way more to lose if there is a collision, so respect should be given.

Personally, I drive, ride a bike and horse-ride. I try to show respect whatever.

This morning I thanked all but one motorist for passing my horse with care.

Last night I thanked everyone who showed respect on my bike; and I allow pedestrians to cross, and cars out of junctions when in my car.

If it is to be a 'them and us', it should be those with common sense against those that have none, surely?

Now then, which one are you?

Gill, Burscough, by email

Letter was spot-on

AS a non-Lycra-wearing cyclist who spent months using wheelchair/crutches after being mown down by a car I would like to say many thanks for printing D. Gordon's letter ('Motorists aren't the only ones who pay for our road' - Letters, November 1).

Brilliant!

H. S., by email

Thanks, Sue, for sorting out cooker problem...

PLEASE can I through your letters page say a huge thank-you to Sue the manager of the Argos shop in Ormskirk?

Despite being shouted at by other customers because she was dealing with my problem over home delivery, she was really wonderful.

After four hours between her and her manager, John, they sorted it out (no thanks to Home Delivery, I might add).

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Grateful, Skelmersdale, by email

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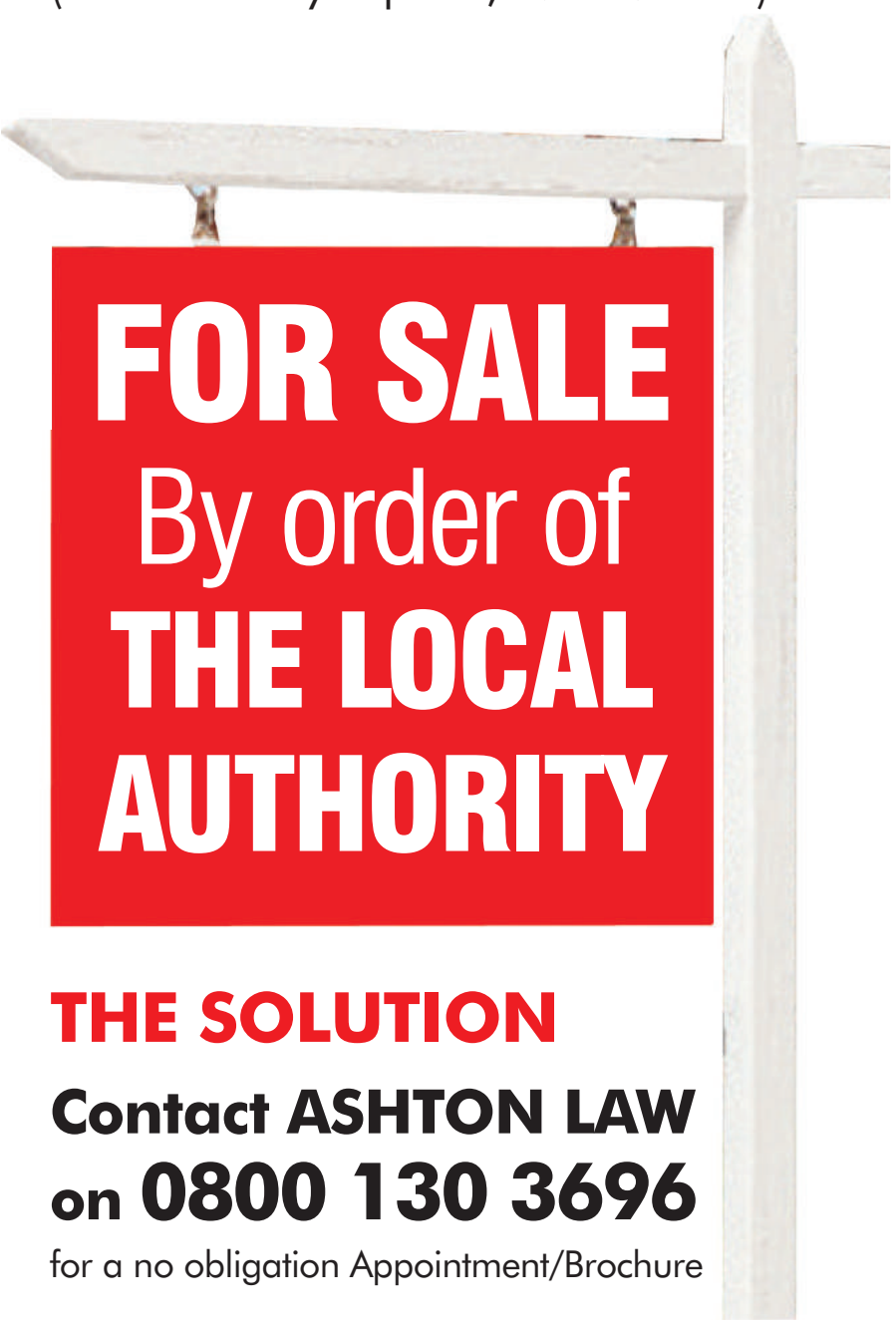

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It is the largest number of starlings the centre has ever seen, being at least ten years since the last large roost of 30,000 birds.

The best views of the birds display is from the reedbed walk from the Harrier Hide. At the moment they are displaying between 4.10pm and 4.30pm but as the evenings get darker it will gradually come earlier. Reserve wardens are walking everyone back to the centre after the display to the exit as the building closes at 4.30pm.

Starlings spend a lot of the year in flocks. They are smaller than blackbirds, with a short tail, pointed head, triangular wings. They look black at a distance but when seen closer they are very glossy with a sheen of purples and greens.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 4.30pm during winter months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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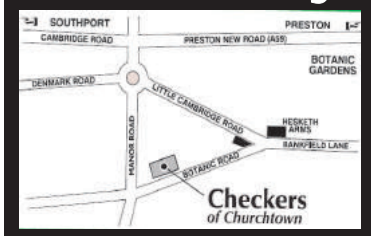

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Health professionals urge those at risk to get tested for HIV

WITH HIV one of the UK's fastest growing serious health conditions, health professionals from Lancashire Care's Contraception and Sexual Health Service (CaSH) are calling on people across the county to get tested during National HIV Testing Week (November 18-24).

An estimated 100,000 people in the UK live with HIV with just under a quarter undiagnosed and unaware of their infection, prompting CaSH to mark the week with a campaign to promote HIV testing.

Tania Cockroft from Lancashire Care's CaSH team, said: "National HIV Testing Week is an opportunity for people to get tested. You can do it at lunch time, that's how easy it is.

"In 2015 alone, some 594 people with HIV in the UK died. The earlier the condition is identified, the better the health outcomes. Early diagnosis is the way forward to successfully managing HIV.

"However, the most effective way of reducing HIV prevalence is prevention. We also urge everyone, especially with the festive period approaching and the increase in alcohol consumption and subsequent risk-taking behaviour to practice safer sex to help avoid sexually transmitted infections (STIs), unplanned pregnancies and, of course, HIV.

"It is important that people who may have had unprotected sex and experience any symptoms visit their local sexual health clinic for testing. The longer it takes to diagnose the infection, the less effective the treatment becomes."

Common symptoms of early HIV infection may present as a fever, rash and severe sore throat which occur at the same time.

This combination is uncommon in healthy people. However, if you feel you have been exposed to a risk of infection, you should take a HIV test.

After two to three weeks the symptoms can disappear and it may be years before further indications of positive infection occur.

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There are other ways in which HIV can be contracted, such as sharing needles, so it is important that for tattoos and piercings, people should make sure all equipment is thoroughly sterilised, and needles used for injecting drug paraphernalia should never be shared.

The annual National HIV Testing Week promotes HIV testing and is co-ordinated by HIV Prevention England.

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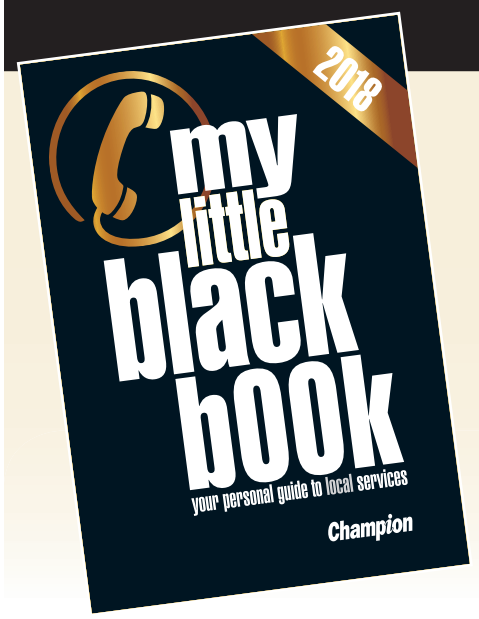

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Some of the Ormskirk Tennis Club junior members with their new kits sponsored by Taylor Wimpey

Builder serves up an 'ace' for tennis club

BUDDING tennis aces at a long-established club have been served up an 'ace' boost - courtesy of a leading housebuilder.

Taylor Wimpey North West has agreed a £400 sponsorship package for the junior teams at Ormskirk Tennis Club.

The donation will be used to provide kits for the County Road club's five junior teams to be worn while they compete and train.

Established in 1905, Ormskirk Tennis Club encourages people of all ages and abilities to get involved in the sport and offers a comprehensive programme of social, competitive and coaching opportunities for adults and children led by Lawn Tennis Association approved coaches.

Club chairman, Rob Owens, said: "It's wonderful to have a company like Taylor Wimpey supporting a local cause and engaging with the community.

Camaraderie

"Our club welcomes members of all ages, abilities and fitness levels to get active and have fun building a real camaraderie within the club.

"This donation towards kits will really help our junior members to feel like a team while ensuring they look great as they step onto the court to compete."

The tennis club is close to the company's Highgrove Park development and Emily Nicklin, sales manager at Taylor Wimpey North West, added: "We're always keen to give back to the communities in which we build and the tennis club is a wonderful organisation to be part of. It's great to see a club a like this that really does encourage people from all walks of life to get active while helping them to make friends and have fun.

"The kits look great and we wish the junior teams the best of luck at competition."

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Bridging generations gap!

Kathleen (102) inspires primary pupils with her wartime tales and ongoing charity work

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Kathleen pictured during her visit with Reverend Andrew Housley and headteacher Maggie Teachen.

MORE than one generation gap was bridged when an inspiring centenarian charity worker visited a local primary school!

Kathleen Thomas, a sprightly 102 years old and still an active member of St Michael's Church in Aughton, went along to Bickerstaffe CE Primary where she captivated pupils with stories of how she and her parents lived and served in wartime, plus her own ongoing charity work.

Adopted by the youngsters as 'Aunty Kath', she told how she became a volunteer nurse during the Second World War and was involved during the May Blitz in Liverpool.

And she recalled how her father fought and died in the First World War, while her mother also served as a nurse.

Talented

As well as wartime photographs, Kathleen showed the children the card she received from the Queen to mark her 100th birthday, and a certificate she received from the War Organisation of the British Red Cross Society in recognition of Devoted Service to the Cause of Humanity from War.

And despite her advancing years Kathleen continues to raise money for charities by embroidering - having raised an impressive £9,000 to date - as well as enjoying a range of hobbies and being a talented artist.

Rector of St Michael's Church, Reverend Andrew Housley, who leads weekly assemblies at the school, arranged the visit and has promised to take Kathleen back for the school's nativity performance in December.

Headteacher, Maggie Teachen, said: "The children were amazed by her and loved her so much that they have adopted her as 'Aunty Kath'.

"She is an incredible woman who had us in tears and laughing as well.

"She was just an inspiration and left a lasting impression on everyone at the school."

Jess kick-starts county career with goal-scoring debut

TALENTED footballer Jess Hedges made a goal-scoring debut for the Lancashire Girls Under-14s team in a 3-1 win over Cheshire.

The 13-year-old left back, who is captain of St Bede's Catholic High School in Ormskirk, made her county bow in the Northern Counties West League clash after four trial games.

And although many of her Lancashire teammates have already been signed up to big professional clubs such as Liverpool, Manchester United and Everton, Jess, who still plays for her local team, Town Green Under-15s, more than held her own, scoring the third goal to clinch the win and cap an impressive debut.

Jess (in red) in county action

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Awards recognition for county council's work with children and young people

LANCASHIRE County Council has again made it through to the finals of the prestigious Children and Young People Now Awards 2017.

The awards, now in their 12th year, recognise initiatives from the public, private and voluntary sector that make a positive impact on people's lives.

Lancashire has been nominated for three awards with the winners due to be announced on Wednesday, November 22.

The county's Children and Young People's Participation Team have been nominated for the Youth Volunteering and Social Action Award. This recognises an initiative that enables a child or young person to make a difference in their community, or to their peers, through volunteering, social action and campaigning.

The nomination recognises the authority's innovative approach to ensuring that the views of children and young people (up to the age of 19, or 25 if they have a disability) are considered when decisions that can profoundly affect their lives, are made.

Barnardo's Lancashire Young Carers have been nominated for the Young Carers Award recognising the initiative that has done the most to support children, young people or young adults up to 25 who care for a family member or friend with an illness, disability, mental health problem or addiction.

County Councillor Susie Charles

This includes providing support to meet carers' educational, health, social and emotional needs; helping carers who have previously been unidentified by services; and working with families to reduce inappropriate levels of caring.

The team has been nominated in recognition of the innovative actions to help young carers in the county, including the allocation of a project worker to help to reduce the impact of their caring role on everyday life, and the establishment of a 'Healthy Lifestyles' support group.

And the Lancashire Children in Care Council (LINX) has been nominated for the Children in Care Award which recognises the local authority or care provider that has done the most to improve outcomes for looked-after children and young people.

The group is run by Barnardo's on behalf of Lancashire County Council and works on projects and consultations that have a direct impact on their lives, and on other young people who are being looked after.

County Councillor Susie Charles, the authority's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Congratulations to everyone involved with these successful initiatives. It is a real achievement just to be nominated nationally, and fantastic recognition of the very important work that takes place between the county council and its partners."

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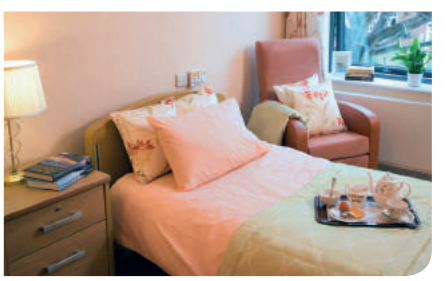

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Community award brings 'brass' boost for music academy!

£25,000 will buy new instruments for award-winning band

● Left: Red Admiral Music Academy members who have won a £25,000 award from the OneFamily financial services company

MEMBERS of an award-winning brass music academy are aiming to hit the high notes after landing a £25,000 donation that they hope will be 'instrumental' to their future success!

Mawdesley-based Red Admiral Music Academy, will now be able to buy a range of new instruments after being presented with the cash boost by financial services company OneFamily as part of its Community Awards scheme.

The academy - crowned Junior British Brass Band Entertainment Champions earlier this year - will use the money to acquire a range of new cornets, tenor horns, flugel horns, baritones, euphoniums, tubas, drum kit and timpani drums.

Founded just three years ago, the academy, which teaches people of all ages, has proved an outstanding success, attracting more than 70 members from across Lancashire and winning the British championship with their first-ever entry into a major competition.

The Community Awards, part of the OneFamily Foundation, were created to give the company's customers the opportunity to support projects in their area that matter to them and their families. This year's awards saw customers nominating projects to win £5,000, £10,000 or £25,000 across four categories.

Band member and euphonium player, Mark Cobham, who invested in a bond for his son with OneFamily, nominated the academy for the scheme and it was one of 32 successful organisations to win in the latest round of awards.

He said: "We already have some fantastic players, but the quality of their instruments can sometimes hold them back. This award will completely change that, as well as allowing us to welcome new members from our extensive waiting list.

"Our story really struck a chord with the community. Hundreds of people supported and we can't thank everyone enough for helping us to win this fantastic award."

Guy French, corporate and customer strategy director at OneFamily, said: "Brass band music has a rich history in the North West, so we're so pleased to help the academy pass on their skills and enthusiasm to future generations.

"The projects that the awards support are all very special to our customers and make a positive difference in their local communities. We are a customer-owned business and the OneFamily Foundation is a way that we give something back."

Public welcome to attend next CCG board meeting

THE next board meeting of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will be held at Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital site in Wigan Road on Tuesday, November 28, starting at 9.30am.

The public are welcome to attend and questions relating to items on the agenda can also be raised by visiting the CCG's website at www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/ or by contacting the secretary to the board on 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, November 27.

The agenda will be published on the website one week before the meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to run for about two hours and afterwards there will also be a chance for members of the public and other attendees to have an informal discussion with some board members.

Printed copies of the papers are available on request for those without access to the Internet by calling 01695 588 000.

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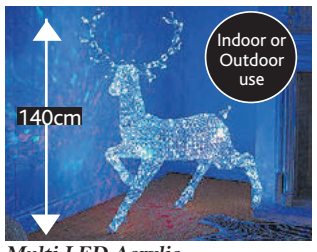

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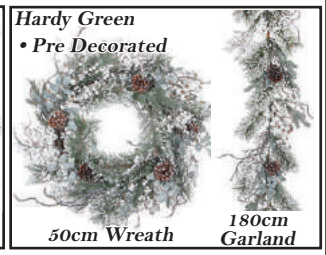

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Computer students learn how to 'hack' it in the jobs market

COMPUTER science students from Edge Hill were given the chance to gain new skills and improve their employability via challenges set by top businesses during dedicated Hack Week.

Students from the department took part in extra-curricular activities, putting their skills to the test and receiving feedback from industry experts.

Highlights included working with software testing company, ROQ on a web-based hackathon, where the students could learn and experience a little about the testing phase of the software development lifecycle and network with the technical staff from the company.

A group of 25 students also visited the offices of hosting server specialists, UKFAST in Manchester to take part in a 'real-life' five-hour hacking challenge simulating work carried out daily by penetration testers at-leading ethical hacking firm, Secarma.

Meanwhile, Alder Hey Children's Charity set students the challenge of producing a range of games for children of primary school age, with the aim of transforming their experience in hospital by bringing comfort, fun, reward and distraction, while providing vital information to parents and carers.

Head of department, Professor Nik Bessis, said: "Hack Week is one of a number of extracurricular opportunities students can take part in to improve employability skills and enhance career prospects."

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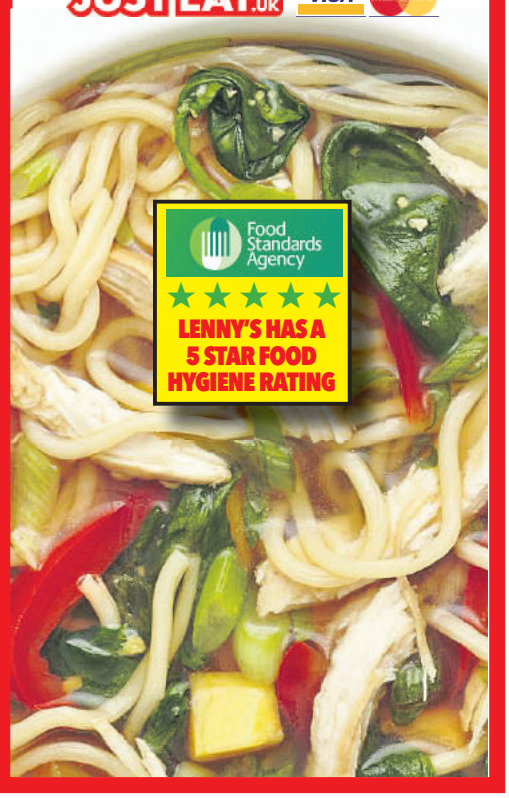

NHS commissioning group backs self care awareness campaign

WITH already hard-pressed health services set to come under increasing pressure with the onset of winter, officials at the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group are reminding residents in the borough how they can help to ease the burden.

The CCG is supporting Self Care Week (November 13-19) a national awareness campaign to promote and embed self-care across communities, families and generations.

Dr John Caine, a local GP and chair of NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "We know that people want to be able to manage their own conditions but many are unaware that by simply visiting their local pharmacist and having a well-stocked medicine cabinet, many conditions can be managed at home.

"We want patients and carers to feel confident enough to know what they can manage themselves and what needs to be looked at by their GP."

NHS West Lancashire CCG recently launched its new self-care programme, Saving Money is Saving Lives, to let residents know what conditions could be managed at home or by visiting their local pharmacist and provides them with the resources to help manage these conditions.

Dr John Caine

Leaflets and posters providing more information on self-care and what patients can do are available from all GP practices and pharmacies across the region.

Dr Caine continued: "As well as visiting your local pharmacy and keeping a well-stocked medicine cabinet, there are other things that we can all do to help ourselves.

"Move more. If going to the gym isn't for you, try walking part of the way to work or taking the stairs.

"Stop smoking. One of the best things you can do for your health is to stop smoking. Ask your local pharmacist about stop smoking services.

"Sleep. A good night's sleep is essential to good physical and mental health so don't burn the candle at both ends, make sure you get at least seven hours sleep a night."

More information is available on the NHS West Lancashire CCG website, www.westlancashire-eccg.nhs.uk or by speaking to your local pharmacist or GP.

Report by **Henry James**

Footwear trial as trust staff aim to get to grips with workplace safety

WITH statistics issued by the Health and Safety Executive showing slipping and tripping to be the single most common cause of major injury in UK workplaces, staff at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are trialling new footwear to keep them safe at work.

The trust's research and development department have been giving out clinical shoes in a trial of high grip footwear with the aim of reducing staff slips during work.

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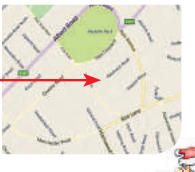

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Children's charity seeks public backing for bid to win £10,000 grant

Award would help provide more support for families

WE need your votes! That's the message from officials of Rainbow House, the Mawdesley-based conductive education centre for children and young people with disabilities.

The charity, which has to raise all its own funds, is bidding to win a £10,000 grant from the Aviva Community Fund for its Family Support Project.

Through working with the families of the children they help, they recognise that the whole family needs support and would like to extend the help currently provided by their Parent Liaison Officer.

If successful in winning the grant, the project would see the provision of regular counselling sessions which would help with the isolation felt by many families which can lead to anxiety, depression or even a breakdown.

It would also allow for the introduction of family days out and activity days for all the family and the siblings who often miss out due to the complexity of caring for a disabled child.

Rainbow House want to provide more help for families of children and young people with disabilities.

The project has been accepted by Aviva and joins others in the voting stage.

Grants will be decided by public votes and to vote for Rainbow House visit website communityfund.aviva.co.uk and search for Rainbow House. Voting next Tuesday, November 21.

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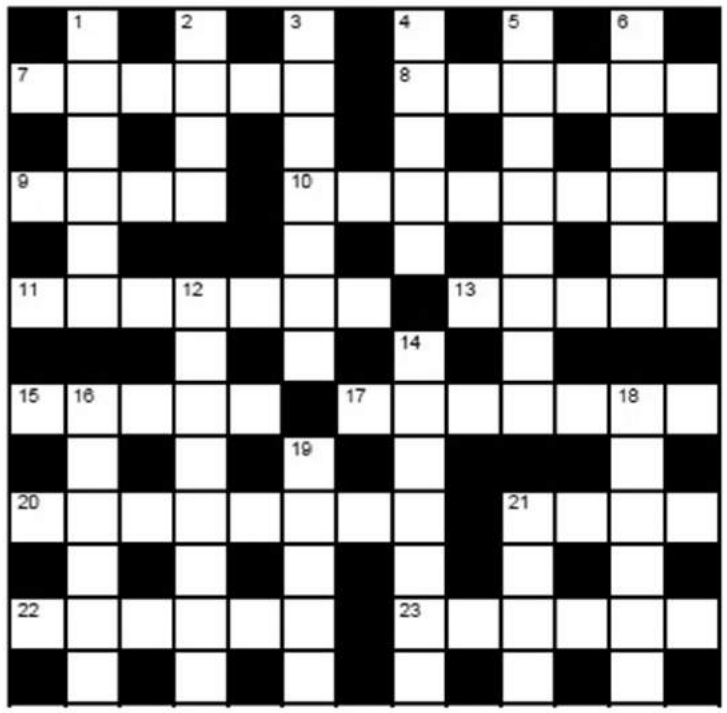

Last week's solutions:
Across: 7. Aghast. 8. Caveat. 9. Dead. 10. Immortal. 11. Shrivel. 13. Tweed. 15. Sushi. 16. Habitat. 18. Begotten. 19. Hone. 21. Plural. 22. Staple.
Down: 1. Ogle. 2. Sandwich board. 3. Striker. 4. Scamp. 5. Every which way. 6. Habanera. 12. Housefly. 14. Varnish. 17. Stalk. 20 Null.

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ACROSS

7. A building used for public Christian worship (6)
8. Go back on a promise (6)
9. Word used to describe an action (4)
10. The upper edge of a woman's garment such as a blouse or dress (8)
11. Louis Smith or Beth Tweddle for instance (7)
13. Man's name or Academy Award (5)
15. An extremist (5)
17. Suppose something is true without evidence (7)
20. Trade, swap (8)
21. Group of people (typically 12) sworn in to give verdicts in Crown Court cases (4)
22. Fungal timber decay occurring in poorly ventilated buildings (3, 3)
23. The SI unit of force (6)

DOWN

1. Happy and optimistic (6)
2. The larva of an insect, especially a beetle (4)
3. Diffidence, reserve (7)
4. Skilful act or feat performed by a magician or conjurer (5)
5. Personification of the US Government (5, 3)
6. Landlocked East African country (6)
12. Name by which Bradford's professional Rugby League club was known before being renamed the Bulls when Super League was launched in 1996 (8)
14. Plant grown as animal fodder, also known as alfalfa (7)
16. Opulence (6)
18. Feeling of sadness (6)
19. Come or bring together (5)
21. Steven Spielberg film about a man-eating shark (4)

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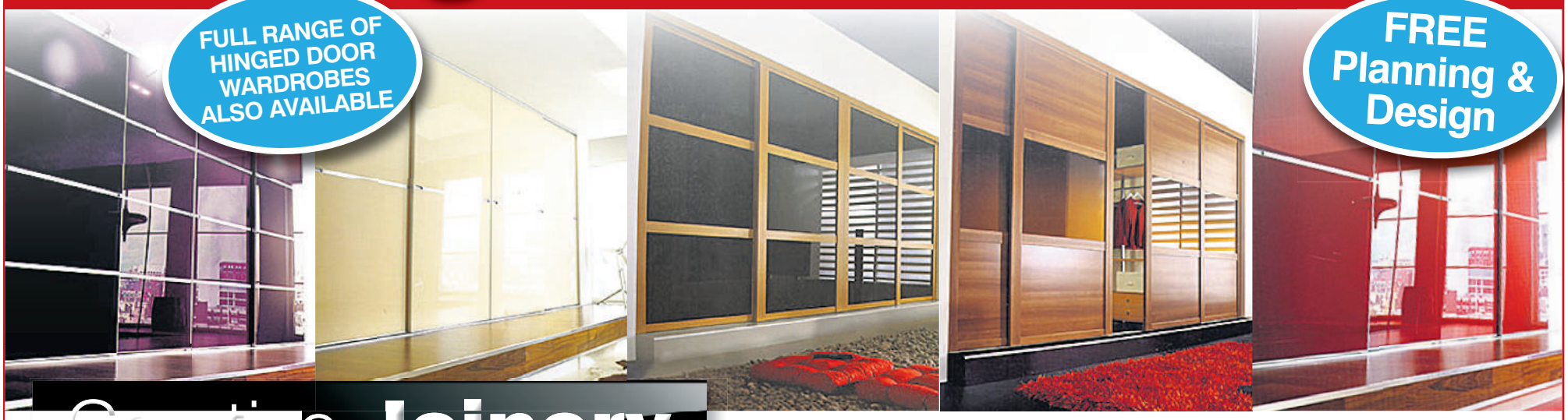

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Festive programme at Parbold Village hall is announced

PARBOLD Douglas Music Lancashire and Parbold Picture House will be staging a number of events at Parbold Village hall over the pre-and post-Christmas period.

On Sunday, November 26 at 7pm Churchill will be shown. It is directed by Jonathan Teplitzky and stars Brian Cox, Miranda Richardson, and John Slattery. The film follows Churchill in the days before the Normandy D Day Landing of WWII.

People can see the NTLive presentation of Young Marx on Thursday December 7 at 7pm. This is a Nicholas Hytner Production from the new Bridge Theatre, London.

Rory Kinnear is Marx, Oliver Chris is Engels. This is a comedy production by the creative team behind the hit comedy One Man, Two Guvnors.

The film is set in 1850, and Europe's most feared terrorist is hiding in Dean Street, Soho. Broke, restless and horny, the thirty-two-year-old revolutionary is a frothing combination of intellectual brilliance, invective, satiric wit, and child-like emotional illiteracy.

Creditors, spies, rival revolutionary factions and prospective seducers of his beautiful wife all circle like vultures. His writing blocked, his marriage dying, his friend Engels in despair at his wasted genius, his only hope is a job on the railway. But there's still no one in the capital who can show you a better night on the booze than Karl Heinrich Marx.

There is a Parbold Douglas Music Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9 at 7.45 p.m.

This concert will see Intrada Brass Ensemble perform A Christmas Reverie.

The 11 member ensemble will perform a classic Christmas programme from the Coventry Carol to Jingle Bells, I saw three ships to Ding Dong Merrily on High and Season's Greetings with some audience participation.

Intrada Brass Ensemble is based in Preston, Lancashire, and was formed originally as a quartet in the 1970s. Today it is an eleven-piece formation with percussion and can play a wider variety of music in concert situations than is possible with more conventional and smaller ensembles.

On Sunday, December 10 at 7pm audiences can see Our Kind of Traitor. It is directed by Susanna White and stars Ewan McGregor, Naomie Harris, Stellan Skarsgård, and Damian Lewis. The film features a couple who are caught up between a Russian oligarch and MI5. The film is based on the novel by John Le Carré

Young Marx can be seen at Parbold Village hall

Groundhog Day can be seen on Sunday, December 17 at 7pm. It is directed by Harold Ramis and stars Andie MacDowell, and Bill Murray. In the film a nasty, self-centered (but hilarious) weatherman is forced to relive one strange day over and over again, until he gets it right.

On Sunday, January 7 at 7pm Logan Lucky can be seen. It is directed by Steven Soderbergh and stars Daniel Craig, Channing Tatum, and Adam Driver. This is a US heist comedy. Two unlucky brothers plan to steal the takings from a speedway but the dynamite man is in gaol.

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But, as a series of strange and unexplained events occur, David begins to fear for his safety. Who is the young woman in a tattered bridal gown sitting in the wing chair? Why does Lord Gray lock the door?

David tried to convince his employer that the ghostly happenings are real, but then the two men stumble across a dark and terrifying secret that will change their lives forever.

Fresh from a successful national tour, this is a gripping thriller from the literary master of suspense.

Featuring Richard Michell as Lord Gray, Harry Tanner as David Filde and Zoe Findlay as Mary and directed by John Sharp, this is the ideal entertainment for a cold, dark winter evening.

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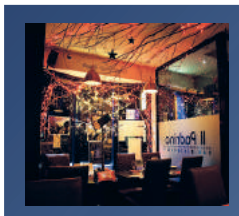

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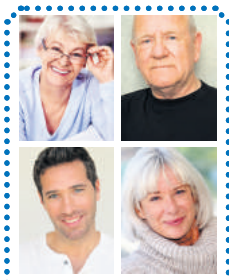

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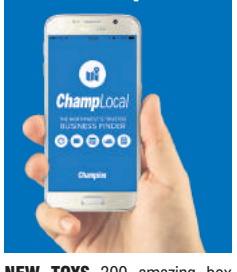

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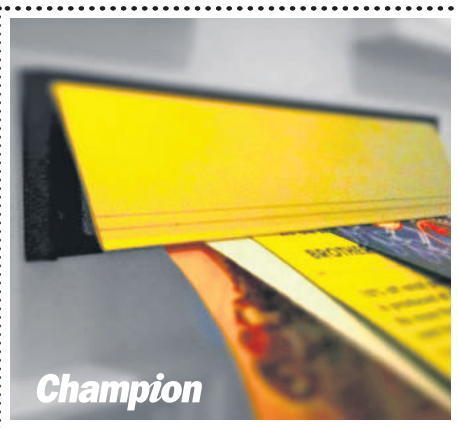

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APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0729/FUL Demolition of garage to rear of No. 48 and demolition of cattery and erection of two detached, two-storey dwellings with new crossover via Trinity Walks, in-curtilage car parking and private amenity space at Highfield Boarding Cattery Rear Of 48, Church Road, Tarleton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2017/1034/FUL Removal of 4 trees within the garden/curtilage of the property. Erection of a detached timber double garage on a brick and stone plinth with tiled roof. Installation of a permeable geogrid and grass driveway at Damswood House, Miry Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/1119/FUL Change of use from a residential care home, including demolition of rear former extensions and conversion of existing with new rear extensions to form seven luxury apartments at Aughton Grange EMI Care Home, 26 Granville Park, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/1175/FUL Replacement of wooden windows/french doors with UPVC to front and rear at 1 Mill Leat Close, Parbold.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 15th November 2017
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13th July 2017

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Jean
xxx

Everyday in some small way memories of you come our way, though absent,you are always near, still missed loved and always dear.

Happy Birthday
Love
Deborah,Jaz and Elliot
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"Miss you so much sunshine"
Kelsey give our Zac lots of big hugs and kisses on his birthday.
Love you forever and always, broken hearted Nan and Grandad X X

DEATHS

DAVIES AUDREY OLIVE

Suddenly in hospital on 7th November 2017

Aged 81 years

Dearly beloved Wife of William. Much loved Mum of Kerrie and Sue. Dear Mother in law of Dave and David. Loving Grandma and Nana of Molly, Eleanor, Alex and Emily. Loving Sister of Jacqueline and the late Kenneth. Aud will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 3.15pm on Thursday 16th November 2017. Family flowers only by request but the family are receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice, Southport. Further enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244

STACEY JOYCE BEATRICE (Nee Mason)

6th November 2017

Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale, aged 74 years

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MORRIS BARBARA (Nee Berry)

11th November 2017

Passed away peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice aged 71 years of Bickerstaffe

Loved & missed by all her family.
Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe, on Friday 17th November at 12:45pm, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough L40 5TP Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

JULIE MEADOWS NEE CHEETHAM

On 2nd November 2017

Suddenly aged 58 years

Beloved Daughter of Bob and Barbara Cheetham, dearly loved Mum of Lisa and Andrew, dear Sister of Paul and Michelle and loving Sister in law of Wendy and Chris. Julie will be much loved and missed by all her family and many friends'. Funeral service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 16th November at 4:00pm. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer's Society. Donations and further enquiries please to M Rushton Funeral Directors 100 Marshside Road Southport PR9 9TG Tel: 01704 214118

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November 1st 2017

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DEATHS

ROBERTS ANITA MAGDALANA

Suddenly taken on the 5th November 2017 aged 70 years

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TRAVIS ELLEN

6th November 2017

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A570 ST HELEN'S ROAD, ORMSKIRK, RING O' BELLS LANE, HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, CARR LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(REVOCATION AND 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 08 November 2017 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Section 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:
1) Revoke the following:
(a) "The District Council of West Lancashire (Ring O' Bells Lane/Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1985" insofar as it relates to:
(i) Hoscar Moss Road, from its junction with Ring O' Bells Lane to a point 15 metres north east of the junction with Deans Lane;
(ii) Ring O'Bells Lane, from its junction with Briars Lane (A5209) to its junction with Hoscar Moss Road.
(b) "The District Council of West Lancashire (Carr Lane, Lathom) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1985" insofar as it relates to Carr Lane, its junction with Ring O Bells Lane and Hoscar Moss Road for a distance of 900 metres in a north westerly direction;
(c) The "A570 Trunk Road (St Helens Road, Ormskirk) (40 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 1994" insofar as it relates to A570 Trunk Road, known as St Helens Road, between points 165 metres and 965 metres south east of the centre of its junction with Small Lane, a distance of 800 metres;
(d) "SI 1995 NO.1592 Road Traffic, The A570 Trunk Road (St Helens Road, Ormskirk) (40 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 1995", insofar as it relates to St Helens Road, both sides between points 165 metres and 965 metres south east of its Centreline with Small Lane.
2) Introduce a 40mph Speed Restriction on St Helens Road, Ormskirk, from a point 477.5 metres south east of the centreline of Small Lane in a south easterly direction to a point 761 metres north east of the centreline of Scarth Hill Lane.
This Order will come into force on the 17 November 2017. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of The Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, quoting ref: LSG4/894.2672/AFR

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
15 November 2017

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCARTH HILL LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(REVOCATION AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 08 November 2017 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:
1) Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (West Lancs Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:
a) Item (163) of Schedule 10.01 to that Order;
b) Items (2)a)(ii), (2)(b), (2)(c)(i) and (2)(c)(ii) of Schedule 10.03 to that Order.
2) Introduce a Prohibition of Waiting in the following lengths of road:
a) Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk, the north west side, from a point 39 metres south of the centreline of Ruff Lane, in a southerly then south westerly direction to a point 195 metres south west of the centreline of Ruff Lane.
b) Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk, the north west side, from a point 215 metres south west of the centreline of Ruff Lane in a south westerly direction to a point 325 metres south west of the centreline of Ruff Lane.
c) Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk, the north west side, from a point 341 metres south west of the centreline of Ruff Lane in a south westerly direction to a point 9.6 metres north east of the centreline of St Helens Road (A570).
d) Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk, the south east side, from a point 115 metres south west of the centreline of Ruff Lane, in a south westerly direction to a point 26 metres north east of the centreline of St Helens Road (A570).
e) Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk, the south east side, from a point 12.5 metres north east of the centreline of St Helens Road (A570) in a south westerly direction to a point 9.5 metres north east of the centreline of St Helens Road (A570).
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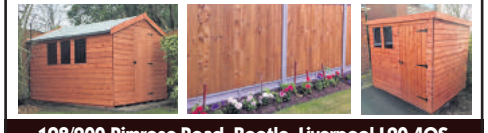
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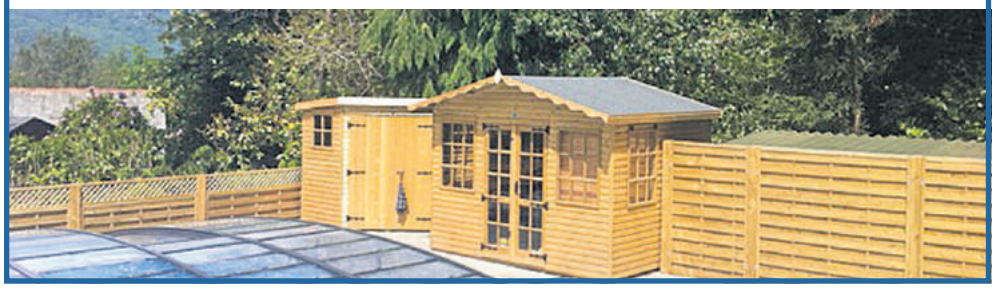

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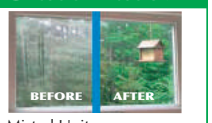

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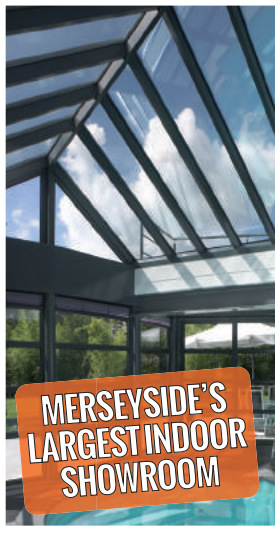
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There's the new series of *Red Dwarf*, a couple of episodes of *Robot Wars* and – guilty pleasure time – an ace documentary I recorded a couple of years ago about the making of *Thunderbirds*. In London media bubble speak it's all on message content for my target demographic – in other words, the sort of stuff you'd expect a thirtysomething bloke to watch. Except the Harry Potter. That's my wife's. Honest!

But what you won't find much of is motoring telly. Of course there are old episodes of *Top Gear* and James May's excellent *Cars of the People* but the truth is that when you work with cars all day it's very hard to sit back and find automotive telly that's genuinely enjoyable.

A reality show about some Americans swearing at a rusty Ford in a workshop – and there are many – just doesn't really cut it.

The new series of *Wheeler Dealers*, however, just might. Last Saturday I got the chance to watch the first episode ahead of its January 2018 launch, and the new on-screen partnership between presenters Mike Brewer and Ant Anstead really works.

Even my wife – who prefers watching Harry Potter, remember – thought it was truly watchable petrolhead telly.

The show's opening episode already had me at "Hello" because it chronicles the purchase and restoration of one of my favourite cars, a Ford Escort RS Cosworth, but it's the way that Ant makes the nerdy technical bits feel weirdly accessible that really drew me in.

There's a lovely scene where he strips a turbocharger down to its nuts and bolts, but explains everything in the sort of language even Donald Trump could understand.

There are charmingly hand-drawn diagrams on blackboards too, just in case you think a wastegate is something the binmen use to collect your recyclables.

There's something compelling about the pair's on-screen banter too – even if you loved the show when it was Mike Brewer and Edd China it's hard not to find the new partnership effective, because it's still a show fronted by two blokes who really love – and know a thing or two about – old cars.

My only grumble is that it still feels like a show aimed at America first (so Donald Trump definitely WILL understand), but on the opening episode alone I reckon *Wheeler Dealers* is onto a winner.

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The Shogun Sport will be powered by a 180bhp 2.4-litre turbodiesel engine, with all four wheels being driven by an eight-speed automatic gearbox.

There's no word on prices or exact UK specifications yet.

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Peter Wilson, General Manager – Dealer Relations at Motability Operations, explains:

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Celebrating their Motability Dealer Award win, Paul McRae from Fairway Motors, said:

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Linnets hold on for vital victory

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MAKE no mistake about it, this was a big win for Burscough, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

After failing to fulfil the promise of early season they are now within a win of climbing out the relegation zone in the North-West Counties Premier Division.

Maine Road started the day on Saturday five points above the Linnets occupying the last relegation place and they also knew the importance of the game at Victoria Park.

Burscough took an early lead, the Manchester side equalised but Burscough soon restored their lead and in a real scrap of a game.

It took Burscough just 97 seconds to grab the lead in a devastating opening phase to the game.

The ball was played down the right to overlapping full-back Danny Brady.

He pulled the ball back across six yard line, it got a touch that carried it to the far side of the area and in came Peter Henerty who blasted the ball home with a right-foot half volley.

The Linnets goal brought a quick response from Maine Road, but a well timed tackle by Alex Parkes blanked out Jack Langford's hopes as he sought to equalise.

Then it was Burscough's turn again, this time Brady put Terry Cummings in but he was stopped by a similar tackle from Maine Road defender Jack Blundell.

On 18 minutes Adam Gilchrist shot over the bar after a cross from Jamie Clark.

However, a minute later Maine Road did equalise.

Jack Coop went one on one with Burscough goalkeeper Josh Samberg and the ball finished up going out for a corner on the visitors left.

The corner was then headed home by Connor Hughes.

On 24 minutes Cummings put new signing Chad Whyte in on goal but Maine Road goalkeeper Ryan Livesey saved then at the Crabtree Lane End as Hughes put a shot just wide from 25 yards with Samberg at full-stretch.

On 28 minutes Whyte went close again, this time off Gilchrist's cross, again Livesey saving.

In the 32nd minute Burscough went 2-1 up.

The ball dropped down from a height that would have troubled an air traffic controller and Brady headed it forwards, Alex McMillan headed at goal but Livesey saved, Whyte latched onto the rebound and this time got his debut goal.

There was just the one scare for Burscough before the break when Samberg saved from a James Ormrod header.

Maine Road were the best team for the ten minutes immediately after the interval.

Samberg saved from a Langford free-kick and made an even better save from a Chris Beatty header in the two most dangerous raids.

In the 57th minute away keeper Livesey completely lost his bearings outside his area but Whyte could only find the side netting.

Then Livesey saved from a Brady free-kick before making further blocks from Cummings and McMillan. A full flow Burscough were in search of a valuable third goal and Gilchrist put a ball across the face of goal but no one could finish, then Whyte was thwarted again by Livesey.

The third didn't come though and it made Burscough have to face a rather tension packed last ten minutes.

The Linnets defence having to resort to punting the ball clear on a number of occasions.

Tthe most frantic moment came with eight minutes left.

A wayward square ball by Burscough gave the ball to Langford who attempted to lob Samberg from 50 yards, but the Linnets keeper scurried back to save the day.

The final whistle was welcomed by Burscough supporters when it came as the three points yielded mean a win next week accompanied by favourable results elsewhere would see the in-form Burscough side move out of the bottom four relegation zone.

It seemed like a very unlikely scenario a month ago.

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Burscough boss appoints new assistant to dugout

BURSCOUGH manager Dave Sutton has brought in a new assistant at Victoria Park in the form of ex-St Helens Town manager and Widnes coach Nick Matthews, ***writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

His first game in the dugout brought about an instant impact on Saturday when the Linnets showed plenty of tenacity when beating Maine Road 2-1.

For a while now Dave Sutton has run the team at Burscough pretty much single handed and up until Saturday they had won one league game and drawn four, plus his team had won four cup games.

He said that last Saturday's 2-0 defeat at second in the table Hanley Town was something of a watershed in the way things were going.

Dave said: "I felt we deserved more at Hanley, we had six shots to their two and because we went down to Staffordshire with such a bare bones team we couldn't make a change to turn things around.

"I had a chat with some of the senior players and gave it some thought over the weekend and decided to make changes to the coaching staff.

"I had heard about Nick who lives fairly locally and approached Widnes where he was coaching to ask permission to speak with him. I am pleased to say Widnes and then Nick were very positive to my enquiries.

Manager Dave Sutton (left) and his new assistant Nick Matthews

"Nicks' first training session with the players was like a breath of fresh air and the players all enjoyed it, we were short of numbers and he has brought in some new signings that have strengthened the team and has a couple more scheduled for this week.

"He is very enthusiastic and the players that have joined us haven't demanded big money. We have struck an instant working relationship together and I think he is just what we require to pull us up the league."

Speaking on Monday Nick has a positive outlook on how things will go at Burscough. He said: "The move started when Widnes told me Burscough had asked permission, then Dave Sutton rang me and we struck up an instant rapport.

"I was impressed by the professional way Burscough made their approach and because Burscough are a local club to me, I know about them and that they have potential to grow.

"Further Dave is allowing me to work on an equal basis, giving me a big say in how things go in the team and in training he has said 'do as much as you want', allowing me to influence the team and the style they play.

"One of the big things we want to do is bring the locals back to the club. Come on down and have a look at what we are doing here, I hope you are impressed."

Skem set for return to action

SKELMERSDALE United had no game on Saturday, instead playing a training game against AFC Liverpool.

However, this Saturday they will have to adapt to new surroundings, when they play Ossett Town at their new regular home ground at Prescot Cables after playing a few games at Marine's stadium in Crosby.

Dave Powell's team are on a good run at the moment and are unbeaten in four league games, so it should be an exciting encounter against the West Yorkshire promotion chasers. The kick off is 3pm.

Skelmersdale are then on the road and have an away game next week, tackling Atherton Collieries in a rearranged match on Monday, November 20.

Burscough have a huge game on Saturday when the Linnets are away to bottom placed Barnton.

Victory at the Northwich based club is important if they are to continue their progress up the North-West Counties League table.

Next Tuesday, November 21 they are away to Squires Gate in a second round Macron Cup tie.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

FREE Courses for Adults are back!

West Lancashire College has delivered adult education in Skelmersdale and West Lancashire for over 40 years.

Thousands of adults have studied part time day or evening courses at the college to develop new skills or retrain for their dream career. This winter, the college is delighted to offer a wide range of FREE courses for adult learners as they re-launch their adult learning programmes.

Research has proven that taking up studies later in life has a real positive effect on health and wellbeing. The college hopes the new courses will offer the residents of West Lancashire and surrounding area the opportunity to either take their first steps or return to education.

Head of Adult and Professional Courses, Daniel Gorman said "Whether you want to improve your self-confidence, increase skills for employment or study for pleasure, we have a course for you. We are extremely proud of our range of adult courses and this new offer is just the start."

You can choose from Pottery, Stone Therapy Massage, Advanced Massage, Artisan or Patisserie Baking, Construction Skills, English, Maths, IT, Sports Massage and much more! For further details of courses available, please see page 2 inside or go along to the Open Day on Saturday 25 November, 11am-2pm, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6LH.

Degree Level Courses starting this January

West Lancashire College is delighted to announce two brand new undergraduate qualifications - Higher National Certificate (HNC) Business and Higher National Certificate (HNC) Photography, both available to start this January.

Employers and universities throughout the world value students with Higher National qualifications due to the fact they adopt a more hands on approach.

At West Lancashire College you will learn from expert tutors in small learning communities, gaining practical skills alongside the underpinning theory that a traditional degree programme offers.

This gives you a competitive advantage when you enter the job market and/or wish to top up to a full degree.

Studied flexibly over 12 or 18 months, these competitively priced courses are the first stage in unlocking your potential through learning.

There are no upfront fees for the courses and Advanced Learner Loans are available for both programmes. You won't have to pay anything back until you finish your course and are earning more than £21,000 per year.

Choose HNC Business and develop as a professional, self-reflecting individual who will be capable of meeting the demands of employers in the business sector and to adapt to a constantly changing world. Gain a foundation in a range of business related disciplines, as well as developing a range of transferable personal skills essential for a successful business and management career.

The HNC Photography will allow you to develop advanced skills and understanding in the field of professional photography.

You will explore photography as a conceptual art form, as well as developing higher-level skills in specific genres such as architectural photography, documentary photography, fashion photography, landscape photography and fine art photography.

To find out more please see page 2 inside or go along to the Open Day on Saturday 25 November, 11am-2pm, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6LH. For further details on fees and course content contact Course Enquiries 01695 52300 / enquiries@westlancs.ac.uk or to apply go to www.westlancs.ac.uk

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WINTER COURSES

Course	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Start Date	Loans Available
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION						
Access to Higher Education – Nursing and Midwifery	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	18 mths	£3,384	16/01/2018	Y
ACCOUNTING						
Bookkeeping Introductory Award (Level 1)	Tue	1pm-4pm	10 wks	£263*	16/01/2018	N
Introductory Award in Computerised Accounting (Level 1)	Wed	1pm-4pm	10 wks	£263*	17/01/2018	N
Foundation Certificate in Bookkeeping (Level 2)	Tue	6pm-9pm	12 wks	£310*	16/01/2018	N
AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting (Level 2)	Thurs	1pm-5pm	35 wks	£1,085*	18/01/2018	N
AAT Advanced Diploma in Accounting (Level 3)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	36 wks	£2,555*	16/01/2018	Y
ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY						
HNC in Photography – part-time	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	16/01/2018	Y
HNC in Photography – full-time	Thur & Fri	9am-4pm	1 yr	£6,000	18/01/2018	Y
BEAUTY, SPA AND MASSAGE						
Indian Head Massage Introduction	Mon	9:30am - 12 noon	8 wks	£125	08/01/2018	N
Stone Therapy Massage Introduction	Mon	9:30am - 12 noon	8 wks	£125	08/01/2018	N
Massage Advanced	Mon	9:30am - 12 noon	8 wks	£125	09/04/2018	N
Make-up Award Level 2	Wed	6pm - 9pm	10 wks	£97	10/01/2018	N
Reflexology Introduction	Mon	9:30am - 12 noon	8 wks	£125	09/04/2018	N
BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT						
Business (Young Professionals Programme) – 16-18 year olds	Mon-Fri	9am-4pm	1 yr	FREE	13/11/2017	N
HNC in Business – part-time	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	16/01/2018	Y
HNC in Business – full-time	Thur & Fri	9am-4pm	1 yr	£6,000	18/01/2018	Y
Leadership and Management Level 3 Award ILM FC	Tue	6pm-9pm	12 wks	£540	16/01/2018	N
CAD						
Computer Aided Design Level 2 Award FC ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	20 wks	£450	17/01/2018	N
CABIN CREW						
Air Cabin Crew Award Level 2	Tue	6pm-9pm	24 wks	£70	28/11/2017	N
CATERING AND HOSPITALITY						
Artisan Baking Introduction ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	6 wks	FREE	10/01/2018	N
Cookery Skills Basic – Cooking for Christmas FC ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	4 wks	£99	28/11/2017	N
Fabulous Fish – an Introduction to Cooking Fish and Shellfish ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	6 wks	FREE	28/02/2018	N
Introduction to Patisserie Baking ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	6 wks	FREE	25/04/2018	N
CONSTRUCTION						
Construction Multi Skills Level 1 – 16-18 year olds	Wed- Fri	9am-4pm	18 wks	FREE	15/01/2018	N
Construction Skills Introduction ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	8 wks	FREE	16/01/2018	N
Plastering Introduction ☎	Tue	6pm-9pm	8 wks	FREE	16/01/2018	N
ENGLISH						
English for Adults	Tue	6.30pm-9pm	Flexible	FREE	Ongoing	N
English for Adults	Wed	6.30pm-9pm	Flexible	FREE	Ongoing	N
ESOL						
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Beginners FC	Tue	9.30am-12noon or 6.30pm-8.30pm	30 wks	£25	Ongoing	N
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Advanced FC	Wed	6.30pm-8.30pm	30 wks	£25	Ongoing	N
HNC						
HNC in Photography – part-time	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	16/01/2018	Y
HNC in Photography – full-time	Thur & Fri	9am-4pm	1 yr	£6,000	18/01/2018	Y
HNC in Business – part-time	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	16/01/2018	Y
HNC in Business – full-time	Thur & Fri	9am-4pm	1 yr	£6,000	18/01/2018	Y
IT AND COMPUTING						
IT Workshop for Beginners ☎	Tue	5.30pm-8.30pm	6 wks	FREE	09/01/2018	N
IT Workshop for Improvers ☎	Tue	5.30pm-8.30pm	6 wks	FREE	27/02/2018	N
HEALTH AND SAFETY						
NEBOSH FC ☎	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	15 wks	£995	tbc	N
MATHS						
Maths for Adults	Various	Various	Flexible	FREE	Ongoing	N
Maths for Adults	Tue	6.30pm-9pm	Flexible	FREE	Ongoing	N
Maths for Adults	Wed	6.30pm-9pm	Flexible	FREE	Ongoing	N
POTTERY						
Pottery Introduction ☎	Tue	7pm-9pm	6 wks	FREE	09/01/2018 27/02/2018 24/04/2018	N
PRINCE'S TRUST						
Prince's Trust Programme for Entry Level 3 to Level 2 16-25 year olds	Full-time	Full-time	12 wks	FREE	22/01/2018	N
SPORTS						
Emergency Sports First Aid Introduction ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	6 wks	FREE	28/02/2018	N
Sports Massage Therapy Introduction ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	6 wks	FREE	10/01/2018	N
Treatment and Prevention if Sports Injuries Introduction ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	6 wks	FREE	25/04/2018	N

* Includes tuition fee, exams, registration and AAT Membership fees. FC – Full Cost ☎ – Telephone enrolment

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ENROLMENT

- **Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 November 10am – 4pm**
- **Monday 20 – Friday 24 November 10am – 4pm**
- **Saturday 25 November 11am – 2pm**

West Lancashire College, Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6LH.

TELEPHONE ENROLMENT

For courses marked with a ☎

- **Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 November 10am – 3pm**
- **Monday 20 – Friday 24 November 10am-3pm**

Call 01695 52310/01695 52355/ 01695 52381/01695 52476

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO ENROLMENT

- If you are fee-paying student, you must bring enough money or method of payment to meet your first instalment. If you're signing up for a direct debit, make sure you've got your bank details with you.

- You will need to have knowledge of your current qualifications as well as your National Insurance number.

NEW £2.5 million Construction, Engineering and Logistics Centre opening January 2018 at West Lancashire College

This January marks the opening of a new training centre for the Construction, Engineering and Logistics at West Lancashire College's main campus in Skelmersdale. This £2.5 million dedicated facility will provide opportunities for carpenters, builders, electricians, engineers, motor mechanics, logistics operatives and plumbers of the future who can learn skills in realistic working environments.

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Get set for Christmas at our Market and Open Day!

Christmas is coming to West Lancashire College and Santa will be calling in too! On Saturday 25 November, West Lancashire College are holding their annual charity Christmas Market, and are inviting the local community to go along!

There will be the opportunity to buy handmade crafts and treats – perfect stocking fillers in time for Christmas, made by learners and local crafts people including Christmas Fayre, cards, Christmas crafts, ceramics, wooden snowmen and much, much more!

This year, West Lancashire College has teamed up with The Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale to extend the market with the addition of a Teenage Market where creative traders and talented performers will also get involved.

As well as festive fun, the event will also host a community Open Day for you to find out more about the range of Winter Courses, get careers advice and find out more about fees and financial support options available.

You are also welcome to look around the college and find out more about realistic working environments including The Imagery Spa, Francesco Graduate Salon, The Works Restaurant and visit Little Learners community nursery. The event is free of charge and takes place at the Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6LH, Saturday 25 November, 11am-2pm.

Everyone is welcome, so bring along your family and friends. To find out more, call 01695 52300.

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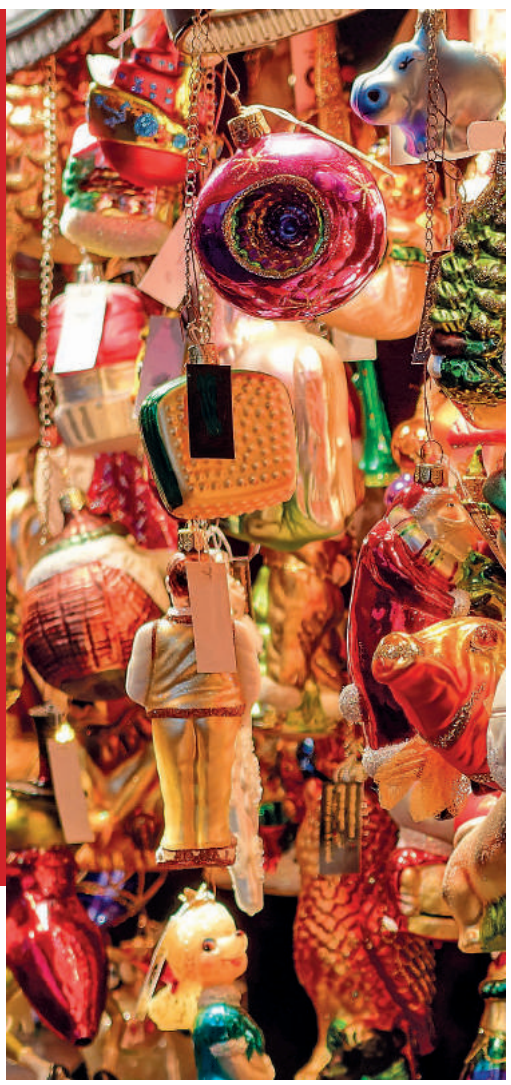

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Rebell Property (Ormskirk)

If you are interested in any of the above vacancies, please come along to our Recruitment Event on Wednesday 22 November, 1pm-4pm or Saturday 25 November 11am-2pm at Skelmersdale Campus, College Way, Skelmersdale WN8 6LH or contact our Apprenticeship Team: wlcapprenticeships@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52490 to find out how to apply.

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